

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

This is the original email with the attachment. If you still don't see the attachment on your end, I can excerpt the content and send it in email text. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:39 AM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:13 AM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez 

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--- Peggy



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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Case Summaries



Case Summaries.doc Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----



"Job Serebrov"

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05/11/2006 10:16 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Today's Teleconference

The teleconference is on. However, I am still one person down for the meeting and I am not comfortable. This will have to be discussed since from the start it was agreed that the WG would be equal and if I lost a person Tova would have to loose one. Further and most importantly, I don't yet have a hotel so my attendance is still up in the air. Finally, the agenda is not what we discussed and gives far too much time for areas that can be covered in a short time. Not listed are all of the questions that Tova's proposed agenda had. All in all, it needs to be redone.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I assume that we are still on for today's  
> teleconference at 11 AM EST. I  
> will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for  
> your review and  
> comment. --- Peggy  
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----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:23 PM -----

Diana Scott/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 01:52 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc dromig@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC,  
Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Working Group Travel

I have given Adventure Travel the necessary credit card authorization on this. Devon please follow-up with the reservations etc.

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U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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dscott@eac.gov

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/05/2006 05:34 PM

To DScott@eac.gov

cc Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC, dromig@eac.gov

Subject Working Group Travel

Diana:

The following members of the Working Group for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation research project will need to make travel arrangements in order to attend an afternoon meeting of the group on May 18 in Washington, DC:

Mark "Thor" Hearne - St Louis, MO

J.R. Perez - Seguin, TX

The Honorable Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN

Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

I may have one additional member from Albuquerque, NM confirmed early next week.

May these people use Adventure Travel to make these arrangements in the same manner as the Asian Language Working Group? I understand the members of that group made hotel and flight arrangements through Adventure Travel and that these costs were billed directly to EAC. We did plan for EAC to pay for the travel of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group (budgeted under Research). Devon will prepare their travel authorizations.

Peggy Sims

Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

05/08/2006 10:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Working Group

I am more than happy to attend in person

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto: [REDACTED]]  
Sent: Monday, May 08, 2006 9:15 AM  
To: psims@eac.gov; [REDACTED]  
Subject: Re: Working Group

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Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually loose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
>  
> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
>  
> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
>  
> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
>  
> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
>  
> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a

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> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing  
> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
>  
> Peggy  
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"Job Serebry"

05/10/2006 03:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Option

Peggy:

I may have the only option left but it is a risk time wise. I could stay at the Baymont in Salem by Roanoke and then leave early that morning and drive into DC or to a park and ride (Metro). I would make it before 12:00 barring any unforeseen road issues. However, I would have to leave to go home right after the meeting. That would cancel the next day's meeting.

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I need to run to West Little Rock so you can get me on my cell if you want to talk.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 02:46 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Working Group List

Job:

What do you suggest I do with the list of Working Group members. I need to get the Fed Ex packages out by the end of the day, and have not heard back from Ginsberg. Do you want me to list a vacancy, or list Norcross with a note that he cannot attend? If we find a substitute, we can always provide an updated list next Thursday. --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 04:25 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Material I may not have included

news article review

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:23 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: Material I may not have included

Would these go under literature review or news article review? --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

[REDACTED] dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Material I may not have included

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Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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phone: [REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 11:45 AM

To Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Court Case Charts

Job

In preparing the CDs, we have run across the following files that appear to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD? --- Peggy



Chart Election Accessible.doc



Chart Vote Inaccessible.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat.doc



ChartDenialVoterRegistrat2.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen.doc



ChartProvisionalBallotDen2.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 12:03 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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Subject Re: Working Group-Perez



Here is the issue---four of the five people who

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selected Perez are Republicans. If the shoe were on the other foot I would be uncomfortable. This one is up to Tova to call but I am not sure that he can be neutral.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> OK, I get it. The text in the attachment follows:  
>  
> EXCERPTS FROM TEXAS ELECTION CODE  
>  
> SUBCHAPTER B. COUNTY ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR  
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> § 31.032. APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR; COUNTY  
> ELECTION COMMISSION.  
> (a) The position of county elections  
> administrator is filled by  
> appointment of the county election commission, which  
> consists of:  
> (1) the county judge, as chair;  
> (2) the county clerk, as vice  
> chair;  
> (3) the county tax  
> assessor-collector, as secretary; and  
> (4) the county chair of each  
> political party that made  
> nominations by primary election for the last general  
> election for state  
> and county officers preceding the date of the  
> meeting at which the  
> appointment is made.  
> (b) The affirmative vote of a majority of  
> the commission's  
> membership is necessary for the appointment of an  
> administrator.  
> (c) Each appointment must be evidenced by a  
> written resolution or  
> order signed by the number of commission members  
> necessary to make the  
> appointment. Not later than the third day after the  
> date an administrator  
> is appointed, the officer who presided at the  
> meeting shall file a signed  
> copy of the resolution or order with the county  
> clerk. Not later than the  
> third day after the date the copy is filed, the  
> county clerk shall deliver  
> a certified copy of the resolution or order to the  
> secretary of state.  
> (d) The initial appointment may be made at  
> any time after the  
> adoption of the order creating the position.  
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> \*\*\*  
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> § 31.035. RESTRICTIONS ON POLITICAL ACTIVITIES.  
> (a) A county elections administrator may  
> not be a candidate for a  
> public office or an office of a political party,

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> hold a public office, or  
> hold an office of or position in a political party.  
> At the time an  
> administrator becomes a candidate or accepts an  
> office or position in  
> violation of this subsection, the administrator  
> vacates the position of  
> administrator.  
> (b) A county elections administrator  
> commits an offense if the  
> administrator makes a political contribution or  
> political expenditure, as  
> defined by the law regulating political funds and  
> campaigns, or publicly  
> supports or opposes a candidate for public office or  
> a measure to be voted  
> on at an election. An offense under this subsection  
> is a Class A  
> misdemeanor. On a final conviction, the  
> administrator's employment is  
> terminated, and the person convicted is ineligible  
> for future appointment  
> as county elections administrator.

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>  
> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:38 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> The code attachment did not work that is what I  
> meant  
> by it did not come through.

> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

>  
> > Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> > Code? --- Peggy

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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
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> > Subject  
> > Re: Working Group-Perez  
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> > We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired  
> a  
> > person just like Perez. However, given this, I  
> would  
> > still like to know if he has a party affiliation  
> and  
> > this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> > election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> > Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> > if  
> > he/she does not want to serve a person is elected  
> in  
> > his/her stead and a third member picked by the  
> party  
> > with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> > that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> > election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> > Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> > situation in Texas.  
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"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:59 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: research summaries

Job did this one

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 12:56 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: research summaries

Something is wrong in the fourth paragraph of the Federal Election Crime summary. Do you know what it is supposed to say there?

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 01:30 PM


To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov

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cc  
Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang  
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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Rev Agenda for Working Group Meeting



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg.doc

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:48 PM

To Adam Ambroggi/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Fw: Working Group-Perez

Adam:

J.R. Perez's resume is attached, and I have forwarded my last explanatory email to Job in answer to his concerns. I will tell Tova not to contact Ray, but that she may talk with you about this issue. Thanks! ---  
Peggy



Perez bio 5\_5\_06.doc

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cc [REDACTED]  
Subject Re: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
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Subject Re: Working Group

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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

Peggy:

Braden is ok also with me but please don't tell me not to "stir up" things. I assure you nothing will come back to bite me. I know these people well enough to say they will also want a balanced group. In fact, one of them was very unhappy with Tova's folks.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
>  
> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up

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> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
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> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED], psims@eac.gov  
> > cc  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with

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> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.

> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:

> > > is Jon Greenbaum

> > > Here' s his info in full:

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[REDACTED]

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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > for

> > > the Lawyers Committee

> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

> Barbara

> > > Arnwine, the Executive

> > > Director of the Lawyers Committee.

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> > > His contact and mailing info is:

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> > > [REDACTED]

> > > [REDACTED]

> > > [REDACTED]

> > > Suite 400

> > > Washington, DC 20005

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> > > Tova Andrea Wang

> > > Democracy Fellow

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 03:54 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

When I opened the attachment, I still had problems with the 4th paragraph. Would you please just send me that paragraph within the text of your email so that I can paste it into the document? --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov"



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 03:49 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Literature Summary

I resent the review as you see at the bottom. When I opened it and sent it there was no corrupted text.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Do you have text to replace the corrupted text in  
> paragraph 4? --- Peggy

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> > Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The  
> > Federal Crime of  
> > Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is  
> > something wrong in the fourth  
> > paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can  
> > you please send a  
> > replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in  
> > an email and I will  
> > place it in the document. --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED]

04/24/2006 12:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voucher

Ok. Thanks

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> I've signed and submitted your voucher. I had to  
> correct the contract  
> date. (It is 2/26/06, not 4/22/06.) Everything  
> else looked great. ---  
> Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 02:51 PM

To "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>

cc Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject RE: Working Group-Perez [REDACTED]

We are still on for 4 PM. Ray is out of the office due to a family emergency, so I suggest you NOT contact him. You may contact his Special Assistant, Adam Ambrogi (aambrogi@eac.gov or [REDACTED]) who also hails from Texas. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]



"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 12:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject RE: Working Group-Perez

We are still doing the 4 pm call, right? We can discuss it more then. Would it be OK if I see if Ray knows this person? Thanks. Tova

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:14 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: Working Group-Perez

As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me to find a nonpartisan local election official to serve on the Working Group. The three of us discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic. I proposed that I find someone from Texas because of that State's colorful history of voting fraud and their innovative approaches to combat it. In those Texas counties that hire Election Administrators to run elections, rather than having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for voter registration; County Clerk for balloting), the Election Administrator is hired by the County Election Commission and is supposed to perform his or her duties in a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from Texas Election Code regarding election administrator hiring and restrictions on partisan activity.)

Any experienced Texas election official will be familiar with voting fraud and voter intimidation schemes used in that State. Mr. Perez has over 13 years experience as a county Election Administrator in Texas. You won't find many news articles mentioning him because he has kept his nose clean. (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the country, prefers to report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the association of Texas election officials and the two largest organizations of election officials in this country: the International Association of Clerks, Recorders, Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and The Election Center. He is a past President and past Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the Texas Association of Election Administrators. He currently serves on IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which plans the educational sessions for election officials that are conducted at that organization's conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The Election Center have selected his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and his professional practices papers (Election Center) for awards. Mr. Perez also has access to information from other States through his membership in IACREOT and The Election Center. He also has a sense of humor, which you will note if you access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County Elections web site and hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something that might be useful in the upcoming meeting.

Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004, the county had over 65 thousand registered voters (a number more than doubled the number of registered voters in 1988). A third of the county's population claims Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The county is in south central Texas and is bordered by Comal, Hays, Cladwell, Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the 1980s, the county was predominately a farming community; but in recent years, many people have moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe County, preferring to live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.

--- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 11:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

What political party is Perez with? How political is he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political? Who appointed Perez?

As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting knocked off Tova's list?

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/12/2006 10:10 AM

To [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Dear Mr. Ginsberg:

This is to confirm my call to your office this morning inviting you to be a member of and attend the upcoming meeting of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission's (EAC) Working Group on Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation. The meeting is scheduled to take place from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Thursday, May 18th, 2006 at the offices of the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC), 1225 New York Avenue, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC.

Section 241 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002 (HAVA) requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues. Among the tasks listed in the statute are the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office [section 241(b)(6)]; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation [section 241(b)(7)].

EAC's Board of Advisors recommended that the agency make research on these matters a high priority. Subsequently, the Commission contracted with two consultants (Job Serebrov and Tova Wang) to:

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- develop a comprehensive description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation in the context of Federal elections;
- perform background research (including Federal and State administrative and case law review), identify current activities of key government agencies, civic and advocacy organizations regarding these topics, and deliver a summary of this research and all source documentation;
- establish a project working group, in consultation with EAC, composed of key individuals and representatives of organizations knowledgeable about the topics of voting fraud and voter intimidation;
- provide the description of what constitutes voting fraud and voter intimidation, and the results of the preliminary research to the working group, and convene the working group to discuss potential avenues for future EAC research on this topic; and
- produce a report to EAC summarizing the findings of the preliminary research effort and working group deliberations that includes recommendations for future research, if any;

We strive to include bipartisan representation on the Working Group associated with this project. You were recommended for this project by our Republican consultant, Job Serebrov. Your ideas for possible EAC activities related to this topic will help the agency as it plans future actions to meet its HAVA responsibilities.

If you can find the time in your busy schedule to participate, I will have an information packet delivered to your office by COB, Monday, May 15. Please let me know if you are available. Thank you.

Regards,

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:25 AM

To "Tova Wang" 

cc

Subject Re: arnwine 

I'm checking on this. Will get back to you as soon as I have more info. --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" 



"Tova Wang"



05/09/2006 05:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject arnwine

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She definitely cannot do it. Would you please find out if Wade Henderson would be possible? Now its my turn to be upset!!! Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] fax: 212-512-7559

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/30/2007 06:28 PM

To eacon@eac.gov

cc

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Subject Vote Fraud Study-Archived Email Part 2

Here is the second batch of my archived email related to the vote fraud study.

Peg Sims

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Aletha  
Barrington/CONTRACTOR/E  
AC/GOV

04/19/2006 01:09 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting fraud/Voter intimidation

Good afternoon:

I like to introduce myself, I am Aletha Barrington, the new Contract Assistant, I will be replacing Nicole Mortellito. You may address any questions regarding the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Contract to me as well as cc all monthly reports. Thank you and I look forward to working with you!

Aletha Barrington  
[REDACTED]

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/17/2006 04:33 PM

To Sarah Ball Johnson

c [REDACTED] eportes@eac.gov

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, by the consultants for EAC's initial research on voting fraud and voter intimidation, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Our consultants are conducting interviews as part of preliminary research to determine how EAC may best meet the requirements of Section 241(b)6 and 7 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. As you may recall, Section 241 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

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- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation.

This is what I need you (and the Secretary, if he is available) to do:

- At approximately 11 AM EST on April 19, call [REDACTED]
- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

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Tova and Job will join you on the line. We have arranged for the line to be open for an hour, with 10 minutes extra on the front end (for folks who have not synchronized their watches).

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If you have any problems accessing the teleconference, please call Edgardo Cortés. You can reach him [REDACTED] He can contact our service provider to correct any problems. (I will be on my way to Seattle and unable to help.)

Thanks, again!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 01:34 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

Actually, 11 EST would be better. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

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"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:

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> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.

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> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back

> to say she would be

> available Wednesday through Friday this week and

> next week for the

> interview. Which day and time is best for you and

> Job?

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> --- Peggy

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> wang@tcf.org

> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

> Subject

> donsanto again

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> Hi Peg,

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> Happy Easter!

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> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about

> this latest initiative,

> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova

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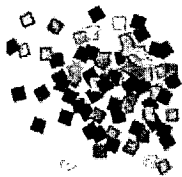
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 12:24 PM

To [REDACTED]

cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with you most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
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Washington, D.C. 20005  
(202)566-2377

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"Tova Wang"

04/20/2006 10:58 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc DRomig@eac.gov

Subject wg meeting

Hi Peg,

I think I might have told you only that I am unavailable on the 5th. I'm actually unavailable on the 4th as well. Any news on this front? We should also arrange a conference call next week about preparing for the meeting, don't you think? Thanks Tova

Tova Andrea Wang  
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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 4:34 PM  
**To:** Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED], recortes@eac.gov  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

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Thanks, again!

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:19 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject

Tova Andrea Wang  
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04/18/2006 05:36 PM

To "Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06



Sarah:

Thank you. I have not reviewed this myself, so I really appreciate the link. Professor Campbell was among the people interviewed by our consultants.

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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)" [REDACTED]



"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

[REDACTED]  
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To psims@eac.gov

cc

04/18/2006 04:02 PM

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Peggy,

I am attaching a link to a recent book published by a Kentucky History Professor, Tracy Campbell, which details voter fraud on state and national level. It is very interesting reading.

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd_bbs_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

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[REDACTED], ecortes@eac.gov

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To Job Serebrov, Tova Andrea Wang

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04/18/2006 10:13 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC, Diana  
Scott/EAC/GOV@EAC, Bola Olu/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06  


What is the contact info for our conference call provider in case we run into trouble at the start of the call? Nicole used to handle conference calls and I am not sure who I would speak to in that instance. Please let me know. Thanks.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
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To [REDACTED]  
cc [REDACTED] ecortes@eac.gov  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Hi, Sarah:

Thank you for agreeing to be interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, by the consultants for EAC's initial research on voting fraud and voter intimidation, Job Serebrov and Tova Wang. Our consultants are conducting interviews as part of preliminary research to determine how EAC may best meet the requirements of Section 241(b)6 and 7 of the Help America Vote Act of 2002. As you may recall, Section 241 requires EAC to conduct research on election administration issues, including the development of:

- nationwide statistics and methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating voting fraud in elections for Federal office; and
- methods of identifying, deterring, and investigating methods of voter intimidation.

This is what I need you (and the Secretary, if he is available) to do:

- At approximately 11 AM EST on April 19, call [REDACTED]
- At the prompt for the pass code, enter 62209.

Tova and Job will join you on the line. We have arranged for the line to be open for an hour, with 10 minutes extra on the front end (for folks who have not synchronized their watches).

You mentioned that Secretary Grayson may be using a cell phone. Our teleconference provider has given us the following information regarding the use of cell phones during the teleconference:

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- Signals are often in and out and the audio bridging equipment cannot compensate fast enough by adjusting the signal. This affects all participants connected. If participants must use a cell phone – they **should be stationary in a location where they can pick up the other participants**, moving while using a cell phone causes the signal to go in and out and often will pick up extraneous electrical signals that will cause heavy static on the call.
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If you have any problems accessing the teleconference, please call Edgardo Cortés. You can reach him at [REDACTED]. He can contact our service provider to correct any problems. (I will be on my way to Seattle and unable to help.)

Thanks, again!

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:05 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

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Subject summaries of interviews

Part 1. I'm going to try not to overload

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"Tova Wang"

[twang@tcf.org](#)

04/21/2006 12:18 PM

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Subject existing research summaries 3 (final)

Peg, I hope we will be able to review the binders you put together before they get sent out. Thanks. Just one more research summary to come Monday. Tova

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Subject wg materials

I will now begin sending several emails with material for the working group meeting. Peg, we still have not heard back from you on whether you like the agenda. I have attached it again. With respect to the interview and research summaries, would you both please review them to make sure there are no glaring mistakes?

Are we going on a hiatus next week? I'm a little confused about what happens from here. Tova

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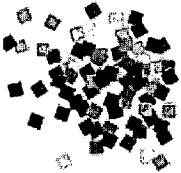
Subject Re: Conference Call This Afternoon

Yes but it needs to go no longer then 30 mins

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Are you two still available for the conference call  
> we had scheduled for  
> this afternoon at 4 PM EST/3 PM CST? --- Peg

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:44 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Yes, she is the assistant to David A. Norcross and she is unavailable until Monday. I spoke with the woman who is filling in for her this week and she does not have access to Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/19/2006 03:27 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Was this message sent to someone's assistant? We have noone named Rivers on our working group.  
Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld  
Devon E. Romig

**From:** Devon E. Romig  
**Sent:** 04/19/2006 12:24 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Margaret Sims  
**Subject:** Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group

Ms. Rivers,

My name is Devon Romig and I am writing to you on behalf of the Election Assistance Commission. I believe that you have been contacted previously by our consultant Job Serebrov about the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group that we are organizing.

We are in the process of setting a date for this event and we would appreciate any suggestions that you may contribute based upon Mr. Norcross's availability in the month of May. The proposed dates are May 1,2,3,8,9,10,11,12,15,16,17,18,19. The meeting will only last for one day. Please let me know any and all of the listed dates that will work with Mr. Norcross's schedule.

Also, I tried to contact you by phone but I received a disconnected notification. Could you please provide me with your most current contact information?

Feel free to call or email me with any questions.

Thanks!

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
04/17/2006 12:55 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: Conference Call This Afternoon

yes

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 11:38 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Conference Call This Afternoon

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:18 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"  
cc  
Subject case charts 2

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc "Job Serebrov"  
Subject nexis article charts and overview/analysis

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:22 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

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Subject interview with Doug Webber -- correct version

I sent the wrong version! Please use this one.

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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 12:13 PM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

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Subject existing literature summaries 1

And there will be one more forthcoming next week.

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04/17/2006 04:39 PM

To Diana Scott

cc

Subject Teleconference Requested

Diana:

This is just to let you know that I have requested a teleconference on Wednesday, April 19, from 11 AM to Noon EST. I asked for 6 lines to accommodate our research consultants and the folks that they will be interviewing for our Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation project.

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist

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"Tova Wang"

04/17/2006 12:28 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Interviews

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Noon EST

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Monday, April 17, 2006 10:49 AM  
**To:** wang@tfr.gov  
**Subject:** Interviews

I know you preferred Friday, but Job is not available then. He also said he is not available next week. Do you have any time available this Wednesday? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/17/2006 11:45 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

04/17/2006 11:06 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: Follow up Donsanto and KY Interviews

I can't do it Friday but Wednesday is ok.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Tova and Job:  
>  
> I've passed Tova's request on to Craig.  
>  
> Also, Sarah Ball Johnson, KY, finally called back  
> to say she would be  
> available Wednesday through Friday this week and  
> next week for the  
> interview. Which day and time is best for you and  
> Job?

> --- Peggy

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> [REDACTED]  
> 04/16/2006 11:39 AM

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> To

> psims@eac.gov

> cc

> "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

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> Subject  
> donsanto again  
>  
>  
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>  
>  
>  
> Hi Peg,  
>  
> Happy Easter!  
>  
> Would it be possible to talk to Mr. Donsanto about  
> this latest initiative,  
> or somehow get more information? Thanks. Tova  
>  
>  
<http://www.fbi.gov/page2/april06/electioncrime041406.htm>  
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"Tova Wang"

~~Wang@eac.gov~~  
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To psims@eac.gov, ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>  
>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's

ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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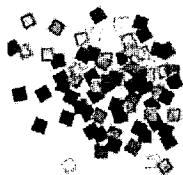
From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

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Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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05/05/2006 09:17 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

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Subject hotels

Literally, there is not a hotel room to be found in the district on these dates. The only thing I could find was a room for \$379 a night. I have booked it and will assume that since we are so under-budget on travel that this will be OK

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

**To:** [wang@tcf.org](mailto:wang@tcf.org) [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

#### Teleconference

Are both of you available for a teleconference next Tuesday afternoon at about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you, please suggest another date and/or time. I would like to discuss our preparations for the Working Group meeting.

#### Working Group Members

We have a very good person to fill the slot for the nonpartisan local election official: J.R. Perez, Elections Administrator for Guadalupe County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no objections to him. He is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat Rogers office, but have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any pull with him, you may want to contact him, too.

#### Travel Arrangements

You should make your own travel arrangements, including hotel. Travel time cannot be billed to the contract, except for hours actually worked on the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in preparation for the meeting, and the like). Current Federal rates follow:

Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include hotel taxes (if you cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable rates that are a little higher)

Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is \$48 on the first and last day of travel)

Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per mile

Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a travel authorization for you. I can approve your trip via email. Afterwards, when you turn in your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline receipt (or mileage documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground transportation receipts and a copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the total travel expenses due you, including applicable per diem. I do not need meal receipts.

Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations for personal reasons are not normally accommodated. What you can do, however, is to give me a comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel, and per diem of doing it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight, ground transportation, hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it should be no problem to cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive, we may only pay up to the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules apply to me when I travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC, you will spend the night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.

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Peggy

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:36 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

<[REDACTED]@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

OK, I will include all on the CD. Thanks. ---- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 12:09 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Court Case Charts

All. They are not duplicates. There are some cases repeated and some not. It is a slight variant of the word search.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job  
> In preparing the CDs, we have run across the  
> following files that appear  
> to be duplicates. Which ones should go on the CD?  
> --- Peggy  
>  
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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 12:06 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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<wang@tcf.org>

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

Thank you, Peg - - see you then.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:53 PM

**To:** Donsanto, Craig

**Subject:** RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, 1- 5:30 PM (though we may finish earlier). It will be held in EAC's large conference room (the one we use for public meetings, located off our lobby). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/05/2006 12:43 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

Subject: RE: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

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If you tell me now I will put it into my calendar here, which in turn will remind me!

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 12:42 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Please remind me of time and place for Voter Intimidation project meeting

How many days in advance do you need the reminder? --- Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/04/2006 02:07 PM

To Paul DeGregorio, Ray Martinez, Donetta Davidson, Gracia Hillman  
cc twilkey@eac.gov, jthompson@eac.gov, Gavin S. Gilmour/EAC/GOV@EAC, Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC, Adam Ambrogi/EAC/GOV@EAC, Elieen L. Collver/EAC/GOV@EAC, Sheila A. Banks/EAC/GOV@EAC, bbenavides@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting

Dear Commissioners:

This is to let you know that the Working Group for our Voting Fraud and Voter Intimidation preliminary research project is scheduled to meet in EAC's large conference room the afternoon of Thursday, May 18. I will provide more information about this meeting to you later.

Peggy Sims  
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To Devon Romig  
cc  
Subject May 18 Meeting

Did Barbara Arnwine's office indicate who they propose to send in her place? --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebroy"

[Redacted]  
05/10/2006 02:35 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Latham

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The Latham is booked solid. I called. I am checking out some possibilities but this is not looking good.

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 03:20 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject Re: Latham

One source suggests the Georgetown Inn has vacancies and pillow top beds.

"Job Serebrov"

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05/10/2006 02:35 PM

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 10:06 AM

To Tova Andrea Wang, Job Serebrov

cc

Subject Today's Teleconference

I assume that we are still on for today's teleconference at 11 AM EST. I will call you. I have attached a draft agenda for your review and comment. --- Peggy



Agenda 5-18-06 Mtg-draft.doc

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"Job Serebrov"

05/12/2006 12:52 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: Fraud Definition

This is ok, given the fact that the WG may have suggestions. Will you be sending us the same packets that you are sending the WG? Also, I figure with Tova's response we will need to have a teleconference on the report once I return to Little Rock. We will need to do it that following Monday or Tuesday.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Would you please take a look at the attached? I  
> combined both of your  
> definitions, reformatted the list, removed a  
> reference to the fraud having  
> to have an actual impact on the election results  
> (because fraud can be  
> prosecuted without proving that it actually changed  
> the results of the  
> election), and taken out a couple of vague examples  
> (e.g.; reference to  
> failing to enforce state laws --- because there may  
> be legitimate reasons  
> for not doing so).  
>  
> I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and  
> am waiting to hear if  
> he accepts our invitation to join the working group.  
> --- Peggy  
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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:53 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc

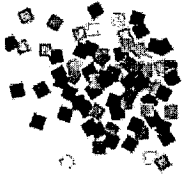
Subject Re: Dinner

Yes. My wife is a vegetarian and I can't eat wheat products and don't eat pork. Non-toxic Oriental seems to always work. I did not cc Tova on this until I received your reaction. You probably want to include

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Tova on replies to this e-mail.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/09/2006 11:12 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Fw: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Devon Romig  
United States Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
202.566.2377 phone  
202.566.3128 fax  
[www.eac.gov](http://www.eac.gov)

----- Forwarded by Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:12 AM -----



"Marvin Brokaw"



To dromig@eac.gov

cc

05/09/2006 11:04 AM

Subject RE: May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hi Devon:

We have heard from Mark Hearne and Todd Rokita. They are both flying in and out on the 18th and will not need hotel rooms. We're kind of waiting to see if Perez and Rogers need rooms before booking any hotel. As soon as we get approval of Hearne and Rokita air schedules and get them booked, we'll forward their itineraries to you.

Kind Regards,  
Marvin

-----Original Message-----

**From:** dromig@eac.gov [mailto:dromig@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 8:31 AM

**To:** marvin.brokaw@adtrav.com

**Cc:** psims@eac.gov

**Subject:** May 18th Meeting at EAC

Hello Marvin,

I just wanted to follow up with the voicemail message that I left for you yesterday. We will be holding a meeting at our offices in Washington DC on May 18, 2006. I have informed the out of state attendees to contact you for their travel arrangements.

We have been authorized to pay for the attendees airfare and hotel arrangements. Please note

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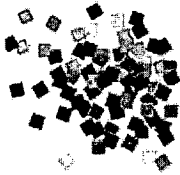
that all of the participants are authorized for a two night hotel room stay, as long as the dates are May 17th and 18th.

I attached the list of the meeting participants that will be contacting you about their travel arrangements for the May 18th meeting in Washington DC.  
Let me know if you have any questions for me or if you need any more information from me.

Thanks for your help!

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 03:23 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject David Norcross

Peggy,

I just spoke to Mr. Norcross's assistant, he cannot attend the meeting on the 18th, he will be out of town at another event.

Devon Romig  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave. NW - Suite #1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005  
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"Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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To psims@eac.gov

cc

05/04/2006 06:08 PM

Subject Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peggy -- they don't have anything to do with the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights do they?

I ask only because the Justice Department is currently engaged in a very acrimonious FOIA litigation with LCCR that focuses precisely on our efforts to combat voter "intimidationm"  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Thu May 04 17:20:39 2006  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

It is just the Working Group for the Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Project.  
I am asking you to attend as Technical Advisor for the project. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

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Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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From: psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
Sent: Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
To: Donsanto, Craig  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>

To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>

Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006

Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.

--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?  
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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

My problem is that agency staff is booked most of the week of 5/21. Monday through Wednesday are taken up with meetings of the Standards Board Executive Committee, the full Standards Board, and the Board of Advisors. Thursday, we have EAC's public meeting. Also, I will lose one of my two consultants in June, so I'm trying to wrap up this project (and get the final report from the consultants) by the end of May.

Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Hi Peg. I am sitting here with Cameron Quinn putting together this year's ballt conference for AUSAs. She send her best!

I am available on 5/18. But I am also going to the Board of Advisors Meeting the following week. I would rather do this then.

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

We are continuing our efforts to hone in on a date for the Working Group meeting. Are you available the afternoon of Thursday, May 18?

Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebrov"

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

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> "Job Serebrov"  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM

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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
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> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] psims@eac.gov  
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> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > [REDACTED]  
> > > 1001 New York  
> > > Suite 400  
> > > Washington, DC 20005  
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> > > Tova Andrea Wang  
> > > Democracy Fellow  
> > > The Century Foundation  
> > > 4 [REDACTED] NY 10021  
> > > p [REDACTED] fax: 212-535-7554  
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> > > Visit our Web site, [REDACTED]  
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> > > analysis, opinions, and events.  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 04:46 PM

To "Job Serebrov"

[REDACTED] GSAEXTERNAL, Tova Andrea Wang

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

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Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]



"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

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> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:38 PM  
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> > "Tova Wang" [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]> psims@eac.gov  
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> > [REDACTED]  
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> > > His contact and mailing info is:

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"Tova Wang"

~~mailto:arnwine@earthlink.net~~  
05/09/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

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Subject RE: Case Summaries

yes

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 09, 2006 10:38 AM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Fw: Case Summaries

Had you seen this? --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 05/09/2006 11:38 AM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/08/2006 09:30 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Case Summaries

Peggy:

Please add this to the packet.

Job

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:27 PM -----

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/12/2006 03:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Good News

I'm thankful it all worked out.

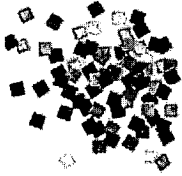
--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Ginsberg has accepted our invitation! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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05/02/2006 11:32 AM

To pegasims1@aol.com, Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Barbara Arnwine

Peggy,

I just spoke to Valerie Johnson, Ms. Arnwine's assistant. The following are a list of dates that are possible for her attendance;

8th - PM (2pm to 6pm)  
9th - Possible PM  
16th - PM (1:30pm - 5:30pm)  
17th - All day\*  
18th - All day\*  
19th - All day\*

\*All day availability does not begin until after 9:30 or 10:00 AM

I will update this information on the shared drive.

Thanks,

Devon

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 10:14 AM

To psims@eac.gov, wang@tcf.org  
cc  
Subject Re: Working Group

Peggy:

4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the financial restrictions that you indicated would be in place for use of my car (I would actually lose money coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait for months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle for this working group meeting to take place in person. It is looking like the only way it will get done is by teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about the unknown nature of Mr. Perez.

Job

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Hi, Folks:  
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> Teleconference  
> Are both of you available for a teleconference next  
> Tuesday afternoon at  
> about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> please suggest another  
> date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> preparations for the  
> Working Group meeting.  
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> Working Group Members  
> We have a very good person to fill the slot for the  
> nonpartisan local  
> election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> Administrator for Guadalupe  
> County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have no  
> objections to him. He  
> is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to Pat  
> Rogers office, but  
> have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have any  
> pull with him, you  
> may want to contact him, too.  
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> Travel Arrangements  
> You should make your own travel arrangements,  
> including hotel. Travel  
> time cannot be billed to the contract, except for  
> hours actually worked on  
> the contract (i.e.; reviewing materials in  
> preparation for the meeting,  
> and the like). Current Federal rates follow:  
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> Maximum Lodging = \$180 per day- does not include  
> hotel taxes (if you  
> cannot get this rate, we have covered reasonable  
> rates that are a little  
> higher)  
> Meals & Incidentals = \$64 per day (except that it is  
> \$48 on the first and  
> last day of travel)  
> Mileage for Personally Owned Vehicle = \$ .445 per  
> mile  
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> Under the new contract, I do not have to fill out a  
> travel authorization  
> for you. I can approve your trip via email.  
> Afterwards, when you turn in  
> your next pay voucher, you can attach the airline  
> receipt (or mileage  
> documentation), hotel receipt(s), and ground  
> transportation receipts and a  
> copy of any printed itineraries. Calculate the  
> total travel expenses due  
> you, including applicable per diem. I do not need  
> meal receipts.  
>  
> Job, under Federal travel regulations, deviations  
> for personal reasons are  
> not normally accommodated. What you can do,  
> however, is to give me a  
> comparison of the cost of roundtrip mileage, hotel,  
> and per diem of doing

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> it your way against the cost of a roundtrip flight,  
> ground transportation,  
> hotel, and per diem. If your way costs less, it  
> should be no problem to  
> cover the full cost. If your way is more expensive,  
> we may only pay up to  
> the amount of traditional travel. (The same rules  
> apply to me when I  
> travel.) If you can tell me where, other than DC,  
> you will spend the  
> night, I can check on applicable per diem rates.  
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> Peggy  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/11/2006 02:35 PM

To Craig Donsanto

cc

Subject Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group

Craig:

I think we have resolved the issue of Barbara Arnwine's absence from the upcoming meeting by having one of her staff represent her (and her organization). Please review the attached rough summary of DOJ Cases ASAP and let me know if I need to delete reference to the open investigations. Hopefully, we won't have to remove this information as it does not specify the defendants or States involved. --- Peg

**Rough Summary of Department of Justice, Public Integrity Section Activities, October 2002-January 2006**

Prosecutions and Convictions-- Individuals

Noncitizen voting: 20

Vote buying: 49

Double voting: 12

Registration fraud: 13

Civil Rights: 4

Voter Intimidation: 2

Unclear: 1

Open Investigations (note: a few cases overlap with prosecutions and convictions)

Noncitizen voting: 3

Vote buying: 25

Double voting: 15

Registration fraud: 29

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Absentee ballot fraud: 9  
Official: 8  
Ineligibles: 4  
Deceptive Practices: 1  
Civil Rights: 14  
Intimidation: 6  
Other: 2

Cases and Investigations Closed for Lack of Evidence

Civil Rights: 8  
Official: 12  
Registration Fraud: 12  
Absentee Ballot Fraud: 14  
Ineligible Voting: 3  
Intimidation: 8  
Double Voting: 5  
Ballot Box Stuffing: 1  
Vote Buying: 14  
Ballot/machine tampering: 2  
Other: 8  
Unclear: 3

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"Donsanto, Craig"  
<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov  
>  
05/04/2006 03:26 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Peg - - what is the name of the group?

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 3:13 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

This meeting is being held to obtain input from our eight-member Working Group for the project. The group is composed of election lawyers, election officials, and a representative of an advocacy group, all of whom have an interest and some expertise in the identification and/or prosecution of voting fraud and voter intimidation. The group was chosen so that we would have an equal number of folks on each side of the political spectrum, plus some nonpartisan members.

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After our consultants review the results of their preliminary research (interviews, literature review, case law), we will ask the Working Group to brainstorm possible next steps for EAC. Our consultants will write a report summarizing the proposals that come out of this meeting. The report will go to the Commissioners, who will decide what they want to do, funds available, and what priority to assigned to the effort(s).

Your participation in this part of the process is extremely important, so I am very happy that you can find time for us that afternoon. I'll get an agenda and other information to you next week. --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/04/2006 02:32 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

SubjectRE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay, Peg - - I will mark off the entire afternoon and try to be there. What is the agenda? I was not aware that this was anything beyond having your contractors spend another session with me. Also, if they will be needing stats and stuff like that I need to know as I will bring my state-people with me.

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**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2006 2:28 PM  
**To:** Donsanto, Craig  
**Subject:** Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Right now, we are planning to meet in EAC's large conference room between 1 PM and 5 PM. If you cannot be there for the whole afternoon, we will appreciate whatever time you can spare. I'll get back to you with more information (agenda, list of Working Group members, etc.). --- Peggy

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 05:59 PM

Topsims@eac.gov

cc

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SubjectRe: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Afternoon of May 18 -- 2:30 okay? How long will they need??

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 16:59:09 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

I am looking at the afternoon of 5/18 for the meeting, due to scheduling conflicts of Working Group members. There remain two members from whom we have not yet received confirmations of their schedule (with some, it is like pulling teeth), but right now 5/18 still looks like the best day. We may have to hold the meeting over here to make it easier for Commissioners to drop in.  
--- Peg

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 12:53 PM

To

psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Okay -- you are on for May 18th! Can we do it over here at 10?

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Sent from Dr. D's Fabulous BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

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-----Original Message-----

From: psims@eac.gov <psims@eac.gov>  
To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 12:40:19 2006  
Subject: Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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Say "Hi" to Cameron for me.

"Donsanto, Craig" <Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>

05/03/2006 11:56 AM

To

psims@eac.gov

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Subject

Re: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

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To: Donsanto, Craig <Craig.Donsanto@crm.usdoj.gov>  
Sent: Wed May 03 11:39:50 2006  
Subject: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation

Craig:

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Peggy Sims  
Election Research Specialist  
U.S. Election Assistance Commission

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"Job Serebroy"

05/12/2006 09:05 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Question

Peg:

Since I am driving to DC, besides hotel receipts, do you want me to keep my gas receipts or how will my car use be compensated? Also, I assume I don't have to retain food receipts.

Job

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 12:40 PM

To "Donsanto, Craig"

<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov>@GSAEXTERNAL

cc

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<Craig.Donsanto@usdoj.gov

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/11/2006 02:08 PM

To Job Serebrov

cc 

Subject Literature Summary

Tova just sent me the summary you prepared of The Federal Crime of Election Fraud by Craig Donsanto. There is something wrong in the fourth paragraph (odd characters and missing text). Can you please send a replacement fourth paragraph? You can send it in an email and I will place it in the document. ---  
Peggy

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**Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV**

05/10/2006 10:32 AM

To Devon Romig

cc

Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Devon:

We have the OK from Tom to obtain a court reporter. Per his response (attached), please coordinate with Joyce. Also, I understand the reporter for the Asian Language Working Group arrived late. Please find out how we can ensure the one for our meeting arrives on time. Thanks! --- Peggy


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**Thomas R. Wilkey/EAC/GOV**

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05/10/2006 10:29 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Re: Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting 

Yes. please let Joyce know and she will get someone  
Tom

Thomas R. Wilkey  
Executive Director  
US Election Assistance Commission  
1225 New York Ave, NW - Suite 1100  
Washington, DC 20005  
(202) 566-3109 phone  
TWilkey@eac.gov  
Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV  
05/10/2006 10:26 AM

To twilkey@eac.gov  
cc DScott@eac.gov, Karen Lynn-Dyson/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject Fw: Court Reporter for Working Group Meeting

Tom:

I understand that EAC hired a court reporter for the Asian Language Working Group meeting. I would like to do the same for the May 18 Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting, but I did not include funds in my budget for this service. Do we have funds that could be used for this purpose? (See Devon's cost estimate below.) --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/10/2006 09:54 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc  
Subject Court reporter

Peggy,

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I spoke to the people who usually handle the EAC court reporting. They charge \$9.00 per page with an average of 40 pages per hour. This service would cost about \$1800.00.

The turn around time for the transcript is 10 to 15 days. The transcripts comes in a bound paper copy and an electronic copy.

I can also check around for different prices.

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/03/2006 10:50 AM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

cc

Subject Secretary Rokita's schedule

Peggy,

I just spoke to Nathan Cane (Secretary Rokita's assistant). He did not have any new information but they are going to have a scheduling meeting tomorrow morning and he will ask specifically about the afternoon of May 18th. I also reminded him to find out any of the days that he was not available or any of the days that he had could attend the meeting in the morning or the afternoon.

Thanks,

Devon

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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 01:05 PM

To Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

cc

Subject Re: VFVI Working Group

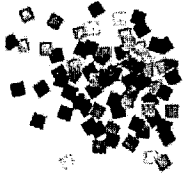
Devon:

I forgot to tell you that Thor Hearne's assistant is named Bethany. She can be reached at

--- Peggy

Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 12:33 PM

To Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC  
cc Edgardo Cortes/EAC/GOV@EAC  
Subject VFVI Working Group

Peggy,

I have called each of the participants. So far I have a definite confirmation from Kathy Rogers.

Here is the list of the out of town participants for the Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Project Working Group:

Mark Hearne II - St. Louis, MO  
Todd Rokita - Indianapolis, IN  
Kathy Rogers - Atlanta, GA

*Possible Participant.*

Patrick Rogers - New Mexico

Thanks,

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 05:32 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

I'm up for a short meeting afterward and a teleconference on Monday. And maybe when all of this is over, you and I can have dinner! Have I told you that I am moving down to DC this summer?

I suspect you have put up with much more than I have and I really appreciate everything you have done.

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 4:27 PM

**To:** wang@tcf.org

**Subject:** RE: new working group representative

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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]  
cc  
Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED] ang@tcf.org

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject Re: new working group representative

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On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
>  
> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
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> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
>  
> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc  
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> Subject  
> Re: new working group representative  
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"Tova Wang"

04/21/2006 11:10 AM

To psims@eac.gov, "Job Serebrov"

cc

Subject interview summaries 4 (final)

Please also double check that I have not left any out. Thanks.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
**The Century Foundation**

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"Johnson, Sarah Ball (SBE)"

04/18/2006 04:02 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Teleconference 4-19-06

Peggy,

I am attaching a link to a recent book published by a Kentucky History Professor, Tracy Campbell, which details voter fraud on state and national level. It is very interesting reading.

[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd\\_bbs\\_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/078671591X/sr=8-1/qid=1145390029/ref=pd_bbs_1/103-8923253-6647806?%5Fencoding=UTF8)

Sarah Ball Johnson  
Executive Director

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>  
> I really don't care if he represents the  
> organization  
> or not. What mixed race? The entire discussion was  
> because Arnwine was African-American. If you are  
> going  
> to invite him without first having a replacement for  
> my side, I may have to call Thor and Todd and  
> discuss  
> all of this.  
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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Greenbaum is representing Arnwine, not replacing  
> > her. He works for her  
> > organization and is of mixed race. --- Peggy  
> >  
> >  
> > "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> > 05/11/2006 03:36 PM  
> >  
> > To  
> > "Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>, psims@eac.gov  
> > CC  
> > [REDACTED]  
> > Subject  
> > Re: new working group representative  
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> > I have an objection to Greenbaum. While I realize  
> > he  
> > comes from an advocacy group, he is not a minority  
> > attorney and we already have a rep who worked with  
> > DOJ. If it is to be Greenbaum, I would rather not  
> > fill  
> > that position since I am one down.  
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> > --- Tova Wang <[REDACTED]> wrote:  
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> > > is Jon Greenbaum  
> > >  
> > > Here' s his info in full:  
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> > > [REDACTED] /2005website/photos/sd11/2005greenbaum  
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> > > He is the Director of the Voting Rights Project  
> > > for  
> > > the Lawyers Committee  
> > > for Civil Rights. He will be representing

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The Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will cover the cost of your flight, the cost of your hotel room and provide you with a daily per diem. The cost of the airfare and the hotel stay will be paid directly by the EAC, as long as you book your travel through Adventure Travel.

To coordinate your flight and hotel stay, please contact Marvin Brokaw of Adventure Travel [REDACTED]. Please note that the eligible dates of the hotel accommodation include the evenings on May 17th and May 18th. Once you have contacted him and you have received the itinerary via e-mail you must forward me a copy immediately so that I can complete a travel authorization form.

I have included two attachments with this email; the first attachment is a letter that contains important information that you will need to know before calling the travel agent and the second attachment provides some general information that should help you get around the city during your trip.

In addition to your travel itinerary, I will also need the following information by the close of business this Friday May 12, 2006 in order to complete your travel authorization:

Full Name:

Title:

Entity for whom you work:

Address to Which the Reimbursement Check Will Be Mailed:

Work Telephone:

Fax Number:

Social Security #: (if uncomfortable e-mailing this, feel free to call me):

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]  
05/11/2006 01:30 PM

To psims@eac.gov, dromig@eac.gov  
cc

Subject research summaries

I have the feeling we didn't include these in the original batch I sent you. Could you double check and if not, would you please include them in the existing research materials? Sorry and thanks. I'm kind of doing all of this on my own in case you couldn't tell. List is coming...

Tova Andrea Wang

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"Job Serebrov"

05/08/2006 01:41 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc

Subject Re: Working Group

Given the information I have Peggy, that is not going to be financially possible. First, given Tova's info about the hotels, it is too much for me to front. Two to three days in DC would run around \$1000 for the hotel alone. That does not count the two days on the road to get there and two days back. Second, if I can't charge the federal per mile allowance for the entire trip to DC and back and can only get the equivalent of plane fare, I will actually loose money.

I simply do not see how we can do this in person given the financial restrictions.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Job:  
>  
> I don't think we can put you on teleconference for  
> 4 1/2 hours. We really  
> need to have you here in person if you are to help  
> conduct the Working  
> Group meeting. You should make your travel  
> arrangements ASAP. --- Peggy  
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>  
> "Job Serebrov" ~~mailto:jserebrov@centuryfoundation.org~~  
> 05/08/2006 10:14 AM  
>  
> To  
> psims@eac.gov, ~~mailto:psims@eac.gov~~  
> cc

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> Subject  
> Re: Working Group  
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> Peggy:  
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> 4:00 eastern on Tuesday is fine however, given the  
> financial restrictions that you indicated would be  
> in  
> place for use of my car (I would actually loose  
> money  
> coming to DC) and given the cost of hotels at this  
> time (I can't afford to front these costs and wait  
> for  
> months to be repaid), etc, it would take a miracle  
> for  
> this working group meeting to take place in person.  
> It  
> is looking like the only way it will get done is by  
> teleconference. I also share Tova's concern about  
> the  
> unknown nature of Mr. Perez.  
>  
> Job  
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>  
> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:  
>  
> > Hi, Folks:  
> >  
> > Teleconference  
> > Are both of you available for a teleconference  
> > next  
> > Tuesday afternoon at  
> > about 4 PM EST? If this does not work for you,  
> > please suggest another  
> > date and/or time. I would like to discuss our  
> > preparations for the  
> > Working Group meeting.  
> >  
> > Working Group Members  
> > We have a very good person to fill the slot for  
> > the  
> > nonpartisan local  
> > election official: J.R. Perez, Elections  
> > Administrator for Guadalupe  
> > County, TX. Attached is his bio. Hope you have  
> > no  
> > objections to him. He  
> > is available on May 18. I have place 2 calls to  
> > Pat  
> > Rogers office, but  
> > have not yet received a reply. Job, if you have  
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Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

04/26/2006 08:04 PM

To "Tova Andrea Wang" [REDACTED]

cc

Subject Re: wg

Let me check with Devon early tomorrow. If she did not hear from him this afternoon, I'll have her contact you. Perhaps you will have more success than we have.

Peggy

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Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

----- Original Message -----

From: "Tova Wang" [REDACTED]

Sent: 04/26/2006 05:46 PM

To: Margaret Sims

Subject: wg

Do you want me to call both Bob too?

Tova Andrea Wang

Democracy Fellow

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05/12/2006 04:04 PM

To Paul DeGregorio

cc Amie J. Sherrill/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject New Working Group Member

FYI - The person I mentioned as a replacement for David Norcross, who was unavailable, could not attend or Voting Fraud-Voter Intimidation Working Group meeting. Our consultant, Job Serebrov, suggested Benjamin Ginsberg, who is willing. I'm sorry I could not check with you on this beforehand --- things

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happened so fast! --- Peggy

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"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 03:56 PM

To "Job Serebrov" [redacted] psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

That was not the only reason -- it was to have someone from the civil rights community. I hardly think you can have a discussion about voter intimidation and suppression without someone with that background at the table. I know you agree with this given what you've said to me in the past.

-----Original Message-----

From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:48 PM  
To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
Subject: RE: new working group representative

We don't know about Ginsburg but it was only stated, over my objection, that no current invitee was being disinvited. This does not apply to representatives of those people in my mind, especially when the main specific reason for inviting the person was her race.

--- Tova Wang [redacted] wrote:

> He is representing Barbara Arnwine, and we have  
> already established we are  
> not disinviting anyone. We still don't know about  
> Ginsburg yet anyway,  
> right?

> -----Original Message-----

> From: Job Serebrov [mailto:[redacted]]  
> Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2006 2:36 PM  
> To: Tova Wang; psims@eac.gov  
> Cc: [redacted]  
> Subject: Re: new working group representative

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"Job Serebroy"

05/09/2006 11:38 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Working Group-Perez

The code attachment did not work that is what I meant  
by it did not come through.

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--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> Did you look at the attached excerpts from Texas  
> Code? --- Peggy

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> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 11:23 AM

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> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> [REDACTED]

> Subject  
> Re: Working Group-Perez

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> We have the same set-up here in Arkansas. We hired a  
> person just like Perez. However, given this, I would  
> still like to know if he has a party affiliation and  
> this brings up another issue. How is the county  
> election commission chosen. In Arkansas it is the  
> Chairmen of the Republican and Democrat Parties or  
> if  
> he/she does not want to serve a person is elected in  
> his/her stead and a third member picked by the party  
> with the most constitutional officers. Practically  
> that has meant that the Democrats have controlled  
> election commissions in Arkansas since the end of  
> Reconstruction. This is why I want to know the  
> situation in Texas.

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> --- psims@eac.gov wrote:

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> > As you may recall, the Commissioners directed me  
> to

> > find a nonpartisan

> > local election official to serve on the Working

> > Group. The three of us

> > discussed the desirability of having a Hispanic.

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> > proposed that I find

> > someone from Texas because of that State's

> colorful

> > history of voting

> > fraud and their innovative approaches to combat  
> it.

> > In those Texas

> > counties that hire Election Administrators to run

> > elections, rather than

> > having elected officials do so (Tax Assessor for

> > voter registration;

> > County Clerk for balloting), the Election

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> > Administrator is hired by the  
> > County Election Commission and is supposed to  
> > perform his or her duties in  
> > a nonpartisan manner. (See attached excerpts from  
> > Texas Election Code  
> > regarding election administrator hiring and  
> > restrictions on partisan  
> > activity.)  
> > Any experienced Texas election official will be  
> > familiar with voting fraud  
> > and voter intimidation schemes used in that State.  
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> > Mr. Perez has over 13  
> > years experience as a county Election  
> > Administrator  
> > in Texas. You won't  
> > find many news articles mentioning him because he  
> > has kept his nose clean.  
> > (The Texas press, as in many other parts of the  
> > country, prefers to  
> > report bad news.) Mr. Perez is plugged into the  
> > association of Texas  
> > election officials and the two largest  
> > organizations  
> > of election officials  
> > in this country: the International Association of  
> > Clerks, Recorders,  
> > Election Officials and Treasurers (IACREOT); and  
> > The  
> > Election Center. He  
> > is a past President and past Chairman of the  
> > Legislative Committee for the  
> > Texas Association of Election Administrators. He  
> > currently serves on  
> > IACREOT's Election Officials Committee, which  
> > plans  
> > the educational  
> > sessions for election officials that are conducted  
> > at that organization's  
> > conferences. His peers in IACREOT and The  
> > Election  
> > Center have selected  
> > his submissions on web presentations (IACREOT) and  
> > his professional  
> > practices papers (Election Center) for awards.  
> > Mr.  
> > Perez also has access  
> > to information from other States through his  
> > membership in IACREOT and The  
> > Election Center. He also has a sense of humor,  
> > which you will note if you  
> > access the staff web page on the Guadalupe County  
> > Elections web site and  
> > hear the Mission Impossible theme .. something  
> > that  
> > might be useful in the  
> > upcoming meeting.  
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> > Guadalupe County is small but growing. In 2004,  
> > the  
> > county had over 65

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> > thousand registered voters (a number more than  
> > doubled the number of  
> > registered voters in 1988). A third of the  
> county's  
> > population claims  
> > Hispanic or Latino origin, according to the U.S.  
> > Census Bureau. The county  
> > is in south central Texas and is bordered by  
> Comal,  
> > Hays, Cladwell,  
> > Gonzales, Wilson, and Bexar counties. In the  
> 1980s,  
> > the county was  
> > predominately a farming community; but in recent  
> > years, many people have  
> > moved from San Antonio (Bexar County) to Guadalupe  
> > County, preferring to  
> > live in Guadalupe County and work in Bexar County.  
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> > --- Peggy  
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> > "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>  
> > 05/08/2006 11:30 PM  
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> > To  
> > psims@eac.gov  
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> > Re: Working Group  
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> > Peggy:  
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> > What political party is Perez with? How political  
> > is  
> > he? Is the position in Texas neutral or political?  
> > Who  
> > appointed Perez?  
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> > As to Pat I will contact him but I can't promise  
> > anything. If Pat can't come, who is getting  
> > knocked  
> > off Tova's list?  
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> > Job  
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Tova:

I understood Job to say that he could only find a hotel room with the right bed in Roanoke (hours away). He will drive in Thursday morning for the meeting and return to that hotel Thursday night. He won't drive back into DC for a Friday morning meeting.

We don't have to do dinner. I recognize that you have spent a lot of time and energy to make this project work, and I don't want to put you out. (You have done a lot under difficult circumstances.) Though we will be bushed, we may want to have a short meeting right after the Working Group disperses --- or we could do a teleconference the following Monday afternoon (before I head into three more days of meetings). --- Peggy

"Tova Wang" <[REDACTED]>



"Tova Wang"

05/11/2006 04:54 PM

To psims@eac.gov [REDACTED]

cc

Subject RE: new working group representative

It would not be my first preference to do this right after the meeting, and I sort of had tentative plans. They can be changed if necessary of course, but what happened to meeting on Friday morning?

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Thursday, May 11, 2006 3:47 PM

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Re: new working group representative

Dinner sounds like a great idea. Do either of you have any dietary restrictions or preferences? (I seem to recall that Tova would prefer a place that has vegetarian options). I'll try to locate a nearby place that won't bust the budget. --- Peggy

"Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]

05/11/2006 04:39 PM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: new working group representative

On another note entirely, since traffic will be bad

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going to Roanoke, do you want to have a dinner meeting with Tova and me after the group meeting to discuss the final report? As long as we are out by 7or so I am ok with it. Also, my wife would have to be there as she will be meeting me after the WG.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> According to the Commissioners, you and Tova each  
> got to pick three  
> members of the Working Group. The Commission  
> guidance regarding this  
> particular member follows:  
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> 4 people from the Academic, Legal and Advocacy  
> sectors - 2 to be chosen by  
> Tova and 2 to be chosen by Job.  
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> This issue of allowing a designee relates to Tova's  
> pick.  
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> As I understand it, we are working on a replacement  
> for Norcross. If  
> Ginsberg is not viable, how about Mark Braden, who  
> includes public  
> integrity in his areas of specialization. I would  
> not try and stir up  
> other members of the Working Group, if I were you.  
> The effort is likely  
> to come back and bite you.  
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> 05/11/2006 03:53 PM  
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05/05/2006 06:08 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc dromig@eac.gov  
Subject Re: Working Group

For purposes of travel arrangements, Job do you want to plan to meet the day before and/or the day after the meeting?

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

To: ~~Washington, D.C.~~

**Cc:** [dromig@eac.gov](mailto:dromig@eac.gov)

**Sent:** Friday, May 05, 2006 2:32 PM

**Subject:** Working Group

Hi, Folks:

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### Teleconference

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Peggy

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05/05/2006 06:18 PM

To psims@eac.gov, [REDACTED]

cc dromig@eac.gov

Subject Re: Working Group

I'm finding there are no hotel rooms available

----- Original Message -----

From: [psims@eac.gov](mailto:psims@eac.gov)

To: [REDACTED]

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"Job Serebrov"

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<http://www.lawyerscommittee.org/2005website/aboutus/staff/staffgreenbaum.htm>

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05/12/2006 12:45 PM

To psims@eac.gov  
cc  
Subject RE: Fraud Definition

Upon first reading, my only comment would be that I would like to restore "failing to follow the requirements of the Voting Rights Act"

-----Original Message-----

**From:** psims@eac.gov [mailto:psims@eac.gov]

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2006 9:20 AM

**To:**  
**Subject:** Fraud Definition

Would you please take a look at the attached? I combined both of your definitions, reformatted the list, removed a reference to the fraud having to have an actual impact on the election results (because fraud can be prosecuted without proving that it actually changed the results of the election), and taken out a couple of vague examples (e.g.; reference to failing to enforce state laws --- because there may be legitimate reasons for not doing so).

I have made contact with Ben Ginsberg's office and am waiting to hear if he accepts our invitation to join the working group. --- Peggy

----- Forwarded by Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV on 04/30/2007 04:26 PM -----

Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV

05/04/2006 10:52 AM

To Joyce Wilson  
cc

Subject Large Conference Room Needed

This is just to confirm my request to reserve the large conference room on Thursday, May 18, from Noon-6 PM. We will be using it for a meeting of the Voting Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group. Thanks! --- Peggy

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Devon E. Romig/EAC/GOV

05/08/2006 02:56 PM

To vjohnson  
barnwine  
dlovecchio  
cc Margaret Sims/EAC/GOV@EAC

Subject Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group, May 18th

Dear Meeting Participants,

Thank you for confirming your participation in the upcoming Voter Fraud/Voter Intimidation Working Group Meeting in Washington, D.C. This meeting will take place at our office from 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM on

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Thursday May 18th, 2006.

The office of the Election Assistance Commission is located at:  
1225 New York Avenue NW, Suite 1100  
Washington, D.C. 20005

We will send more information about this meeting via Federal Express. If you would like this information to be sent to an address other than your office please reply with the preferred address.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Devon Romig  
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"Tova Wang"

[REDACTED]

05/10/2006 11:45 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc [REDACTED] dromig@eac.gov

Subject Material I may not have included

Peg,

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I think I omitted sending you these specific summaries that are based on complex cases that could not be adequately described within the confines of the nexis article excel spreadsheets. If we can, these should be included, probably on the disc. Sorry.

Tova Andrea Wang  
Democracy Fellow  
The Century Foundation

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"Job Serebry"

[REDACTED]

05/09/2006 11:24 AM

To psims@eac.gov

cc

Subject Re: Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting



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I will hear from him tomorrow but that still does not solve all of my issues---see my longer e-mail.

--- psims@eac.gov wrote:

> I had a voice mail message from him on Monday. I  
> called him back but had  
> to leave a voice mail message (telephone tag). If  
> you hear from him and  
> he is willing and able to come, I need to know this.  
> We need to have him  
> call our travel service to make travel arrangements  
> ASAP. Thanks. ---  
> Peggy

> "Job Serebrov" [REDACTED]  
> 05/09/2006 10:46 AM

> To  
> psims@eac.gov  
> cc

> Subject  
> Fwd: RE: Working Group meeting

> FYI

> --- "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com>  
> wrote:

> > Subject: RE: Working Group meeting  
> > Date: Tue, 9 May 2006 07:42:44 -0600  
> > From: "Patrick J. Rogers" <patrogers@modrall.com>  
> > To: "Job Serebrov" <[REDACTED]>

> > Job---maybe. I will call you and/or Ms. Sims  
> > tomorrow. Depositions all  
> > day today. Thanks, Pat

> > What's the best number to call you tomorrow?

> > Patrick J. Rogers  
> > Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.  
> > P.O. Box 2168  
> > Albuquerque, NM 87103-2168

> > [REDACTED]  
> > [REDACTED]

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